



# Proclamation

Martial Arts are renowned for introducing and reinforcing the values of self-discipline, focus and self-esteem while enhancing non-violent conflict resolution, goal setting abilities and strength of character.

Martial Arts schools across the U.S. are joining with the National Association of Professional Martial Artists (NAPMA) and the Project Action Foundation in celebrating the Fifth Annual National Martial Arts Day on Saturday, October 14, 2006. This day will unite millions of children and adults who participate in Martial Arts.

On this special day, dojos and martial arts schools across the United States will partner with the Project Action Foundation to heighten visibility of all martial arts disciplines, encourage participation at the grass roots level and promote increased physical activity for today's youth.

This national campaign helps to support Project Action Foundation in their mission to prevent juvenile crime by providing disadvantaged and "at risk" children the opportunity to obtain training in the physical and cultural arts of dance, gymnastics and martial arts.

The citizens of our Aloha State take great pride in our ties to Asian culture. Martial Arts schools like O'ahu Taekwondo Center and Pacific Martial Arts Center are joining schools across our country to support and recognize the positive contributions of martial arts for all young people.

**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim October 14, 2006 as

## NATIONAL MARTIAL ARTS DAY

in Hawai'i, and recognize the important role physical fitness and the martial arts plays in the lives of our citizens regardless of age.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of September 2006.

Handwritten signature of Linda Lingle.

Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Handwritten signature of James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.

James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i